APPENDIX E. MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT FOR SACRAMENTO AND SAN JOAQUIN RIVER BASINS COMPREHENSIVE STUDY

The great Central Valley of California contains two major river systems: the Sacramento River in the northern valley and the San Joaquin River in the southern valley. These river systems have played a significant role in California's history. Since the mid-1800's these rivers were managed to meet the needs of flood protection, water supply, and other water related activities that contributed to the economic growth of the area and the nation. The flood plain of these rivers provide some of the most productive farmland in the country. These same flood plains contain biologically unique and nationally significant ecological systems.

In recognition of the many interrelated benefits to society offered by these river systems, the Federal Government and the State of California are committed to providing integrated flood and ecosystem management of the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins. A detailed basin-wide study is being conducted and will include consideration of both structural and non-structural flood damage reduction measures as well as interrelated ecosystem and land use management objectives. If the outcome of the Comprehensive Study is favorable, then the US Army Corps of Engineers, consistent with the Administration budget priorities, and with the support of the State of California, would be prepared to recommend implementation of a comprehensive flood management plan for the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers.

We the undersigned, agree in principle to act in partnership toward the initiation and completion of a cost-shared Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins Comprehensive Study. We recognize the overall goal of our actions is to provide a comprehensive plan for flood damage reduction and ecosystem restoration for the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins of California.

FRANK DAL GALLO
President, Reclamation Board

SIGNED THIS 2ND DAY OF MARCH 1998.

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Department of Parks and Recreation

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US Environmental Protection Agency

US Forest Service